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RAMANDED BACK TO JAIL

Bail Not Allowed Coopers and John D. Sharp.

CAREFULLY CONSIDERS IT.

Judge Hart informs the Three Men Who Are Charged With Former Senator Carmack's Death That He Reviewed the Matter From Every Point.

Nashville, Dec. 28.—Judge Hart refused bail to Colonel Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of former Senator Carmack.

In his decision Judge Hart said: "Gentlemen: I desire to say I have given this case careful consideration from every standpoint, and after having done so I am of the opinion that it is not a bailable case; therefore I



JUDGE W. M. HART.

decline to allow bail to any of the defendants and deny the application. This is all before the court this morn-

ing." As usual, the criminal court-room was crowded with interested spectators, who began to arrive some time before the hour for court to convene. The three defendants, if they were stunned or shocked or disappointed by the decision, failed to manifest such fact outwardly. They were immediately surrounded by reassuring friends, who grasped their hands and said comforting words to them. The prisoners were taken to jail to await the trial on Jan. 20.

MEN OF LEARNING.

American Association For the Advancement of Science In Session.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Men of light and leading in all branches of scientific thought, members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, began here Monday their annual session, which will extend over several days. The meetings, which will be held at Johns Hopkins university and will be open to the public, will be filled with popular instruction as well as scientific value, since a program of interest to the nonscientific visitor as well as to the savant has been prepared. Receptions, dinners, smokers and other gatherings have been arranged in addition to the stated program.

Preceding the regular meetings of the association there have been several meetings to listen to papers relating the progress of scientific research during the past year and to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Charles Darwin and the semicentenary of the first publication of his monumental work, "The Origin of Species." One of the speakers at the Darwin celebrations has been Professor Edward B. Poulton of England, one of the world's leading evolutionists.

May Be Baker.

Washington, Dec. 28.—It is said here that Walter Baker, formerly private secretary to Cecil Lyon, is most likely to succeed Customs Collector Dove at Eagle Pass. McDonald, now chief deputy at El Paso and Captain J. E. Elgin are also seeking the position. The appointment will be made Feb. 1.

PETER HAINS' CONDITION.

Attorney For Both Brothers Terms It Alarming.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 28.—With nearly a score of witnesses summoned the defense of Thornton Hains to disprove the charge that he was a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, in the killing last August of William E. Annis at Bay-side, was taken up in earnest before Justice Crane in the supreme court Monday.

It was stated the defense had under subpoena two eye-witnesses of the killing, called by the state, whose testimony would tend to show that Thornton Hains' actions when Annis was shot were in defense of his brother. Thornton Hains will be the star witness in his own defence. His story will follow the skeleton outlined by his attorneys at the opening.

John McIntyre, counsel for both the Hains brothers, says the mental condition of Peter C. Hains is very alarming. "I can see no improvement in Captain Hains' mental state," stated Mr. McIntyre. "His condition is truly alarming and I fear a fatal termination of his trouble. The captain puts on an army uniform three or four times a day and imagines himself at Fort Hamilton and gives orders to an imaginary company of soldiers. He recites poetry and sings airs from operas during the day. I am extremely apprehensive over the outcome. The treatment now being given him may be effective in time, but I doubt it."

Interurban Proposition Made.

Dallas, Dec. 28.—A proposition was received from a Kansas City promoters to build and equip the Dallas-Cleburne interurban at a cost of \$1,500,000. They want citizens along the route to subscribe \$500,000 in a stock company.

Probably Oldest Texan Mason.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 28.—R. S. Cromer, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died at his home here. He is believed to have been the oldest Mason in Texas, having belonged to that order sixty years.

CASE RESUMED.

Defense Asks Withdrawal of Evidence Relating to Other Alleged Raids.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 28.—In the night rider case Walter Holt, a fisherman, told of Tid Burton receiving a letter from night riders telling him to attend a meeting that night or they would hang him. Holt recognized Garrett Johnson as the leader when the night riders paid him a visit on the night of May 23.

Field Burton of Martin, Tenn., was the last witness introduced by the state. He was at Walnut Log the night of the Rankin murder and was told by night riders to stay in bed. After they had gone he went with Ed Powell and Ward to the scene of the crime and stayed there the rest of the night.

The defense asked the court to withdraw all evidence from the jury pertaining to other raids than the killing of Captain Rankin, asserting the evidence is incompetent because they were separate and distinct offenses. Judge Jones stated he would take the matter under consideration and render a decision later.

The Officers,

Directors,

and

Shareholders

of the

**City National
Bank**

Beg to wish for all our Patrons

Friends and Acquaintances a

Merry Christmas

... AND A ...

Happy New Year!

CHILDREN AFFECTED.

Supposed to Be Stricken With the Foot and Mouth Disease.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Five children of one family at Clarkston, Monroe county, are believed by the local health officers to have the foot and mouth disease, and it is said to be significant that these five all used milk, while the other members of the family did not. A reinspection of cattle in the vicinity has been ordered. The cattle from which the children are thought to have taken the disease were in some cases infected.

England's First Snow.

London, Dec. 28.—First snow of season fell Sunday. It was several inches deep.

Twelve Villages Affected.

Amoy, China, Dec. 28.—Riots which started with the refusal of natives to obey the order prohibiting the planting of opium poppies now affect twelve villages. Twenty miles from Tungan 2,000 men are reported under arms. They have withdrawn to the Bolin mountains and the authorities have asked the Viceroy at Foo Chow for additional troops.

Again Up In Arms.

Cape Town, Dec. 28.—Hottentots in German Southwest Africa are again on the war path. They recently raided some cattle posts near the Bechuana-land border and murdered two Europeans. Seven German soldiers were sent in pursuit of the raiders. All were shot down by Hottentots. There is great anxiety among local residents

Reduction Sale of Men's \$5.00 Shoes this week

We must reduce our stock of Men's high grade Shoes before inventory, therefore we cut the price on any style, Slater & Morrill, W. L. Douglas \$5.00 shoes to

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Mr. E. J. Fountain
requests the honor of your presence at the sale of
his full line of
Fancy Groceries
to
His Many Customers
on Saturday morning, eight o'clock, December 12th
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KNOWN MAGICIAN.

The king of rope manipulators. \$100
challenge for anyone to tie him with
50 feet to 100 feet of rope so that he
cannot release himself. All performed
in full view of audience. NO CABI-
NET WORK. Latest novelty act
three to five minutes.

Spiritualistic Manifestations.
Packing Case Mystery.
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Black Art.
Hypnotism.
Illusions.
Mind Reading.
Matinee Every Day at 3 O'clock.
New Films at Each Performance

Mr. W. W. Rudasill of Cottonwood
was in the city Monday.

Mr. Fred Cargill of Steep Hollow
was a business visitor to the city
Monday.

Business with the lumber men and
hardware dealers proved to be fairly
active Monday. Quite a lot of build-
ing material was hauled out of the
city and much barbed wire was sold.
er and the Bryan church will be
represented by Mr. Ed Hall of this
city. At the recent Beaumont meeting
Bryan was transferred from Calvert
district to the Huntsville district.

A person who is simply natural is
called eccentric.

An Appreciation.

To each of our customers
who have contributed their
patronage during the past
year and to whom we owe
the progress we have achiev-
ed, we extend our heartiest
greetings and proffer our best
wishes for a
**MERRY CHRISTMAS and
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

We anticipate that the good
will born us by our custo-
mers and friends will influ-
ence others to divert in our
direction a share of their
patronage the coming year.

EMMEL & MALONEY,
Prescription Druggists.

Phone 66.

A BOND ISSUE

Indorsed by Business Men for Water
Sewerage and Light.

An ample water supply and sewer-
age system is the Christmas gift
which was placed in Miss Bryan's
stocking at the mass meeting held in
Carnegie hall Monday afternoon.
These essentials to the city's growth
cleanliness and healthfulness were
not handed out complete of course
but the method of providing them
without any loss of time was arranged
for, and along with the early days of
the new year results will come.

The Bryan Retail Merchants asso-
ciation was called to order by Presi-
dent Edge shortly after 3 o'clock
Monday afternoon with Secretary John
B. Hines at his desk. So soon as the
meeting was called to order Mr. Ed
Hall moved that the reading of the min-
utes of the previous meeting be dis-
pensed with and the association re-
solve itself into a mass meeting of
citizens.

The motion prevailed and Mayor
Maloney addressed the meeting on the
subject of the necessity for a better
water supply and a sewerage system.
He discussed the proposed bond issue
which has been heretofore presented
to the people in these columns. He
made it clear that a \$75,000 bond issue
would refund all outstanding indebted-
ness of the city and the sum of about
\$57,000 would remain with which to
buy the water company's plant now
here or install a new system. He pre-
ferred the purchase of the old concern
if the company would sell for what
the plant was worth. Mayor Maloney
spoke of the advantages to accrue
from ownership of such public utili-
ties as waterworks, electric lighting
systems and sewerage and his conser-
vative deductions and the necessity
which all know to exist for a more
efficient fire and health protection
brought about the result desired.

During the progress of the meeting
many questions were asked and an-
swered. Mr. Tom Fountain, who has
been extensively employed in New
York State recently in municipal
work of this character, was present
and gave his experience in matters of
the kind, and advised in regard to
certain questions. The subject was thor-
oughly discussed for an hour or more
at the end of which time Mr. Ed.
Hall moved that the mass meeting of
citizens instruct the mayor of the
city to call a meeting of the council
and if the town can issue \$70,000 or
\$75,000 without increasing the pres-
ent rate of taxation that it be author-
ized to proceed in the usual manner
for a bond election; the issue of bonds
to be used to retire the present out-
standing indebtedness of the city and
carry out the purpose (waterworks,
electric lights and sewerage) for
which the issue is to be made. The
motion of Mr. Hall prevailed by a
unanimous rising vote.

Mr. Hall stated that he would prefer
to purchase the present water sys-
tem if it is found that it can be bought
at its worth.

After voting on Mr. Hall's motion,
the meeting adjourned. It was clear
that the men who attended the meet-
ing were there for business. The ne-
cessity for an adequate water supply
and a sewerage system are so well
known to every citizen of the town
that a discussion on this point was
not thought of; but how to supply
these necessities. So soon as the
matter was brought to the attention
of the business element of the city
and a practical method of surmounting
the difficulty suggested, no time was
lost. Mr. Hall said, "I move that the
mayor call his council together and
proceed." That was all, but it is
enough. Every man present voted for
the measure. It means that Bryan will
have a water supply, a sewerage sys-
tem and an up-to-date electric light
plant in operation before the close
of 1909. The sewerage system also
means a more cleanly city, a more
healthy city and a more desirable city
in which to live.

FOR LEASE—The Gentry 10 acres
and house. Situated south of rail-
road tower, and fine truck
land. Apply to G. P. Bittle, Bryan,
Texas.

The Pastor Is Pleased.

The following letter from Rev. T. H.
Morris, pastor of the First Methodist
church appeared in the Dec. 24, 1908,
issue of the Texas Christian Advo-
cate.

We are now comfortably situated
in the most delightful appointment in
the Texas Conference. Our reception
has been all we could ask, and we
have had every possible token of ap-
preciation, including an increase of
salary. This is the most heroic con-
gregation I have ever known. Tur-
rentine, Betts, Shettles and others who
have preceded me have all wrought
well, and are loved by the people. We
are anticipating a most happy and
useful pastorate. T. H. Morris.

AFFAIRS AT AUSTIN.

Matters of the Moment at the Capital
of the State of Texas.

Austin, Dec. 28.—The railroad com-
mission has issued a notice of a hear-
ing Tuesday Jan. 12 to consider the
readjustment of rates on pneumatic
tires.

Insurance Commissioner Love wrote
to W. H. Gregory, president of the
Citizens' Life Insurance company of
Louisville, Ky., which has announced
that it will withdraw from the state,
revoking the certificate of authority
heretofore granted the company and
stating the reasons therefor.

Merchants and Farmers' State bank
of Weatherford, capital stock \$100,000,
and the Boston Dry Goods company
of Mineral Wells, capital stock \$30,-
000, have filed their charters.

Governor Campbell is determined
the trial of H. Clay Pierce, on charge
of false swearing will be conducted
with fairness to both defense and
state. Since the magnate is coming
with many prominent attorneys the
state will be equally prepared. Gov-
ernor Campbell said the result of the
trial will of far more importance than
conviction or acquittal.

Adjutant General Newton denies
that rangers were sent to San Antonio
to investigate the authorship of threat-
ening letters written the governor. No
attention will be paid to them.

Second Trial Date Set.

Fort Worth, Dec. 28.—The second
trial of Frank McCue, charged with
the murder of Earl Mabry near Dallas
over a year ago, was set for Feb. 22
in the Sixty-seventh district court.
Judge Simmons, who heard the first
case, will again preside, special venire
of 150 was ordered for the jury. On
the first trial the jury failed to agree.

Fifteen Houses Destroyed.

Houston, Dec. 28.—Two fires in dif-
ferent parts of the city resulted in
the destruction of fifteen houses. Loss
is \$50,000, and partially insured.
The first fire burned an entire block
of ten houses. Second fire destroyed
five houses in the poorer section.

Bullet Pierces Heart.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 28.—C. R. Milburn,
aged forty-two, formerly a deputy
sheriff, accidentally killed himself
while cleaning his revolver. He had
removed four shells. One was left
when the trigger was jerked in some
unaccountable way. The bullet pierced
his heart.

Appointed Coadjutor.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Rt. Rev.
Dennis J. O'Connell, rector of the Ro-
man Catholic University of America
has been appointed bishop coadjutor
of San Francisco.

EARTH SHAKES IN ITALY.

Violent Disturbances Reported
In That Kingdom.

TIDE HITS SICILIAN RCLACE

Water From the Ocean Rolls in Huge
Waves Over the Docks, Causing Pop-
ulation to Rush Back Into the City,
and Vessels of All Kinds in Peril.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Violent earthquake
shocks were felt in Calabria at 9:30
o'clock Monday morning. Serious dam-
age resulted and some casualties are
reported at Mileto, Conadi, and Stof-
anconi. At Stefanconi the shock was
most severe. San Gregorio and Major-
ata also suffered.

A dispatch from Catania Sicily, says
the Swedish steamer Asta, the Aus-
trian steamer Rudalwo and Indian
steamer Orseolo were damaged by an
earthquake and consequent tidal dis-
turbance at that port.

Later reports state that southern
Italy was visited by a serious and fa-
tal earthquake. The center of distur-
bance was in Sicily and the greatest
loss of life and property occurred on
that island. Reports as yet incom-
plete, but people everywhere thrown
into panic condition. At Caltanissetta,
a Sicilian town of 30,000 people, a
number of houses were shaken down
and the inhabitants fled for safety to
the streets.

At Mineo, a small town 100 miles
southwest of Catania, several houses
collapsed and scenes of panic were re-
peated.

At Agosta, in province of Syracuse,
two churches and several houses were
demolished, but no lives were lost.

A report from Calabria says three
dead and sixty wounded persons have
been removed from the ruins at Stef-
aniconia.

Sixty persons are said to have sus-
tained injuries at San Nofric and the
population is camping out in the air.

At Calabria, Sicily, a tidal wave
swept into the port. People on water
front were thrown into an indescrib-
able condition of fear. People fled
from the docks and water fronts into
the town. Boats of all kinds were
abandoned. Waters came and left
confusion and damage on every hand.
Number of fishing boats swamped
and three steamers got in port more
or less damaged.

The Austrian steamer Rudalwo was
nearly overwhelmed. Much merchan-
dise was piled on docks was washed
away. Brief reports have been re-
ceived here, Palermo, capital of Sicily,
shocks there lasted thirty-two seconds.
Telephone and telegraph system put
out of business and railroad communi-
cation interrupted but submarine
cables from Palermo still working.

Rolls Down Embankment.

Lumber City, Ga., Dec. 28.—Six per-
sons were injured when a special
freight train on the Southern railroad
jumped the track near here and rolled
own a high embankment to become
a mass of wreckage within a few yards
of the Okmulgee river.

Stricken Blind in Pulpit.

Springfield, O., Dec. 28.—Rev. Wil-
bur Davis was stricken blind while
delivering a sermon in his pulpit at
the High Street Methodist Episcopal
church. The bursting of a blood ves-
sel is given as the cause.

Neck Broken by Fall.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Former Captain
C. W. King of the Fourteenth infantry
fell from a bridge here. His neck was
broken. Children found his body.

The Big Grocery Sale

will continue until everything is disposed of. Hundreds of new buyers
as well as our old customers are taking advantage of this close-out sale
for cash. Remember all purchases of One Dollar and over delivered
free. Below we quote a few prices on articles that have not appeared
before. All other goods in proportion:

18 lbs. Granulated Sugar for.... \$1.00
Swift's Premium Ham per pound 14c
Swift's Premium Bacon per lb.... 20c
18-oz. Bot. Fancy Selected Queen
Olives, per bottle..... 20c
20-oz. Bottle Fancy Selected Queen
Olives per bottle..... 25c
18-oz Bot. Fancy Selected Stuffed
Olives, per bottle..... 20c
14-oz Bot. Hyman's sour mixed
pickles, per bottle..... 7 1/2c

40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour mixed
Pickles, per bottle..... 20c
64-oz Bot. Hyman's sour mixed
Pickles, per bottle..... 35c
One-half Gallon Hyman's sour
Mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 50c
40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour spiced
Lily Hot, per bottle..... 20c
40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour spiced
Chow-Chow, per bottle..... 20c
20-oz Bot. Heinz sour spiced
Mixed Pickles..... 12 1/2c

24-oz Bot. Heinz sour spiced Mixed
Pickles..... 17 1/2c
24-oz Bot. Heinz Sweet Mixed
Pickles, per bottle..... 20c
32-oz Bot. Heinz India Relish
per bottle..... 25c
14-oz Bot. Heinz Evaporated Horse
Radish..... 25c
All kinds of Bulk Pickles at greatly
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We have plenty of all goods previously advertised at prices quoted.
Call to see us or phone your orders. Remember these goods are all
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A person who is simply natural is
called eccentric.

Reelfoot lake is a plague spot on
the face of the earth, both physical-
ly and morally.

Mr. Johnsing, the cullud gemman
that won the Australian fisticuff, has
made Galveston famous.

A wise critic once remarked that
the universal respect shown to a well
read man is the highest tribute to
literature.

It wouldn't be a bad idea to do
your shopping for next Christmas
now, while holiday goods are on the
bargain counter.

The hand that rocks the cradle
rules the world, of course, but some
of the sisters think the ballot is a
simpler and surer way to do it.

Bryan boys and girls found culling
sweetest posies of violets, and roses
better sport than throwing snowballs
is to those poor fellows up north.

As long as the good sisters keep up
their catch-penny schemes for rais-
ing money it is a waste of time for the
preachers to fulminate against gam-
bling.

So many special holiday editions
have come to our table that we can-
not mention them all. The prettiest
one is the Orange Leader. It is a
daisy.

The Houston Post speaks of an "old
octogenarian." This implies that
there are octogenarians who are not
old or that The Post has committed
tautology.

Contrary to expectations, the con-
duct of the woman in the case is to
be admitted in the Hains trial. Now
get ready to hold your nose while
you read the evidence.

It is passing strange that en-
lightened people who believe in a
blissful immortality associate death
with gloomy thoughts. There is
nothing in reason to justify it.

Christmas was celebrated all over
this great nation with more boun-
tiful charity than ever before. In the
great cities the allied benevolent as-
sociations searched out all the desti-
tute and supplied them with abun-
dant food and other necessities. The
spirit of Christ is conquering. "The
news of his grace on the breezes is
flying and nations are owning his
sway."

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posite Curt House. Phone 37

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One and one-half lots and six-room
house, located two blocks from Main
street; corner lot, brick cistern and
stable. \$1,050.00.

Two lots and new five room cot-
tage with bath, located in southeast
part of town. Price \$2,000.00 with
terms to suit purchaser.

There are forty-six manufacturers of
sewing machines in America.

How many can you name? How
many did you ever hear of? One name
comes to the mind of every woman
immediately—The Singer—and there
is a very good reason.

The Singer company makes and
sells as many machines in each year as
all the other forty-five combined.
Phone 105, T. A. Satterwhite, sales-
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ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE

Telephone No. 161
Office Down Stairs 'n City Hall.

Andrew Carnegie has subscribed
\$150,000 as a starter for the moral re-
demption of Pittsburg. A mere drop
in the bucket. Having made his money
there, he ought really to give some
thing worth while.

The people of New Braunfels cele-
brated the enforcement of the Sunday
law by external coercion with a fu-
neral procession headed by a band
playing a dirge. Such an event is a
mighty serious joke.

Mr. Roosevelt is said to dread the
African mosquito far more than the
man-eating lion or the bloodthirsty
tiger. And with good cause; for the
mosquito kills thousands for every
one devoured by ferocious beasts.

For the sake of getting rid of Xmas
(not the festival but the outlandish
form of writing the name) the Wash-
ington Herald moves to abolish the
letter "X." What, then, would repre-
sent the number ten in the Roman no-
tation.

The union labor people are fighting
mad about the order of court to im-
prison Gompers, Mitchell and Morri-
son. There would be danger of an in-
surrection if the American people
were not the most conservative in the
world, excepting, possibly the Eng-
lish.

Government experts will take a
hand with leading cotton men in fix-
ing the standards of the different
grades of cotton. The diversity in the
methods of grading heretofore has
been a source of much rascality and
the establishment of a uniform sys-
tem will be of great benefit to the
cotton farmer.

Some of our exchanges gloated
over the prospect of sending rangers
to Comal county to enforce the Sun-
day law. It is a sad day for Texas
and for American liberty when an
arbitrary standard of morality is
force upon the entire population of
a county. But it is the law and the
law should be enforced.

WILD GOOSE RANCH.

A Resident of the State of Washing-
ton Hatches Brood.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 27.—What
might appropriately be termed "a
wild goose" enterprise is engaging
the attention of A. J. Thompson, a
resident of Patterson, Wash. It is
new in this state and in the North-
west and gives promise of being suc-
cessful. Thompson is raising fowls
from the eggs of wild geese. The
first setting, which he found in a
nest on the river bank, was hatched
under a common hen, which raised
the brood to an age when the birds could
take care of themselves. That is
when Thompson's troubles began, as
the geese sought the society of their
natural companions and half the flock
answered the call of the wild before
the exodus was stopped. He hopes
that future hatchings will become do-
mesticated.

Looking Into Surety Companies.

Austin, Dec. 26.—Commissioner of
Insurance and Banking Love is look-
ing into surety companies doing busi-
ness in Texas to ascertain whether
they are violating anti trust laws of
Texas. He addressed letters to each
of these companies doing business in
Texas requesting them to enclose in
their annual statement for this year
a sworn statement whether or not
they have directly or indirectly en-
tered into any kind of agreement fixing
rates for writing surety bonds in Tex-
as and whether such contract had
been in force the past twelve months.
Commissioner Love insists that these
companies shall not violate the law.

Demise of Aged Texan.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Dec. 26.—Judge
W. F. Carter of Weatherford passed
away here at the age of eighty-seven
years. During the civil war Judge
Carter was a Union sympathizer, but
fed many needy persons at Weather-
ford during that trying time. He
became involved in a heated political
trouble while that exciting period ex-
isted, and the prompt action of friends
is all that saved him from death.

Ravia Has Big Blaze.

Ravia, Okla., Dec. 26.—Fire destroyed
a brick block, causing nearly \$50,-
000 damage. Merrell-Houston Lumber
company plant, 11,000 bushels of corn
it had store and \$16,000 worth of lum-
ber. Pittman Drug company, loss,
\$5,000, and L. H. Comstock, dealer in
dry goods and groceries, is out \$9,000.
These are the principal losers.

Has Won a Complete Triumph.

An advance notice says:
Adelaide Thurston has again dem-
onstrated to the entire satisfaction of
the critics since opening her present
tour in her new play, "The Woman's
Hour," her wonderful ability as an ac-
tress. The enthusiasm with which her
play has been received and the wel-
come that has been accorded this
splendid artist has won for her another
complete triumph. Miss Thurston
appears at the Grand opera house here
Thursday night, Dec. 31.

Reduced prices on all furniture, car-
pets, matting, until Jan. 1 James
Nunn.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

For the Baptist Church and its Aux-
iliaries.

Following a largely attended ser-
vice Sunday morning, the Baptist con-
gregation of this city elected officers
for the church and the various aux-
iliaries to serve during the ensuing
year:

Mr. A. W. Buchanan, church clerk.
Mr. W. A. Withers, church treas-
urer.

Mr. W. C. Davis, Eugene H. Edge,
Sam Hunter and H. A. Burger, ush-
ers.

Mrs. H. O. Boatwright, organist and
choir director.

Mrs. R. S. Webb, assistant to Mrs.
Boatwright.

Sunday school officers: Mr Hardy
Newton, superintendent. Messrs. J. M.
Hare and C. E. Bullock, assistant
superintendents.

Mr. R. S. Webb Jr., secretary.
Mr. John Newton, assistant secret-
ary.

Mrs. W. C. Davis, organist.
Mrs. H. C. Conway and Miss Irma
Harris, assistant organists.

Ladies' Aid Society: Mrs. E. F.
Parks, president; Mrs. J. Webb How-
ell, vice president; Mrs. T. R. Batte
Sr., recording secretary; Mrs. Eu-
gene H. Edge, corresponding secret-
ary. Mrs. J. C. Williams, treasurer.

The B. Y. P. U. officers, elected two
weeks ago, were ratified or confirmed
at the meeting this morning; Mr. J. M.
Thomas, president; Mr. C. F. Litton,
first vice president; Mr. Eugene
Parks, second vice president; Misses
Bessie Buchanan, third vice presi-
dent; Zilla McCullough, secretary;
Mr. George Goodman, treasurer; Mr.
T. R. Batte Jr., organist; Miss Sadie
Elliott, assistant organist.

THE CHORAL CLUB.

(Prepared especially for The Bryan
Morning Eagle.)

The Ladies Choral club of Bryan
was organized four years ago last
September, with Mrs. Francis Marion
Law as president, and Mr. Frederick
M. Lillebridge as director; and under
their able leadership it was a suc-
cess from the beginning and gave sev-
eral high-class recitals during the
year, bringing on as artist of the year
Mrs. Robert McCann, soprano, of Gal-
veston.

The second year found Mrs. Edward
Hall presiding. Mr. Lillebridge still
directing. This year was notable for
the success it scored at the Federation
of English singing societies at Fort
Worth, at which time and place the
club was asked to give a solo num-
ber (which was quite a compliment,
as only the leading clubs from Gal-
veston, Houston, Dallas and the large-
est cities of Texas were thus hon-
ored) and received quite an ovation.
The club secured the talented young
tenor, Mr. Slaughter of Dallas at
that time, but now residing in New
York.

For next year Mrs. W. S. Wilson
was chosen president, Mr. Lillebridge
being the same efficient director, and
fine work was accomplished as heret-
ofore, and Mr. Claude Cunningham,
baritone of New York, was the lead-
ing artist of the year.

This, the fourth year, has Mrs. H. O.
Boatwright at the helm and Mr. J.
Bert Graham of Oberlin, Ohio, now in-
structor of voice in the Texas Wo-
man's College, as director for the
club. The club seems to have taken
on new life, has a membership of
about twenty-five, and has already
this season given the people a rare
treat in presenting to them Madame
Yaw and her splendid concert com-
pany, and the people of Bryan showed
their appreciation by rallying to the
club's support as they have ever done
by honoring their public appearances.
This club is composed of Bryan's
best voices, and Bryan has consid-
erable reputation for its good voices and
rare musical talent, and it is granted
by musicians that Bryan easily copes
with any city in the State in a music-
al way.

The club will give its first recital
the latter part of January, after which
the members will take up new work
and begin training for the next meet-
ing of the Federation to be held in
Fort Worth in the spring; then they
are negotiating with one of America's
foremost artists, the famous blind
pianist of Boston, Edward Baxter Per-
ry, for a concert in the spring. Let
everyone feel a pride in the Ladies'
Choral club, and assist them in mak-
ing the world brighter, nobler, bet-
ter, happier.

Storm Up the Road.

A heavy rain with some wind oc-
curred between Mart and Fort Worth
Monday morning, beginning at about
4 o'clock. The downpour was report-
ed to be the heaviest that has fallen
in that section in a long time.

Railway telegraph wires between
Fort Worth and Bryan were working
badly nearly all day Monday as a re-
sult of the storm. At noon the rain
was falling in the storm district.

Don't fail to see our showing of art
res and rugs. Reduced prices un-
til Jan. 1. James & Nunn.

LANDMARKS OF MASONRY.

Grand Master Says Intemperance and
Profanity are Contrary to Fun-
damental Law of the Order.

A former grand master of Masons
delivered himself in unmistakable
terms concerning the use of intoxicants
and the traffic in the same; and the
grand master just retiring raises his
voice in rebuke and warning against
the profane swearer, and points out
that the persistent offender should be
expelled from the lodge. These dis-
tinguished men are not offering any
innovation; they are simply standing
by the ancient landmarks. The swear-
er lacks that much of being qualified
to enter a Masonic lodge, or of re-
maining, should he get in. He makes
a mockery of the most solemn charge
that can be delivered or received. The
world's moving, principles are at
work, the individual conscience is be-
coming awake, and the dawn of the
day of hope is here.—Belton Journal
Reporter.

A HORRIBLE ACT.

A negro child (male) 2 years old,
met a horrible death at the home of
its parents Sunday morning. From
the uncle of the child, who came in
Sunday evening to procure a coffin.
It was learned that the child was
sleeping on the floor in front of the
hearth. Other children of the family
were standing about the fire, when
the five-year-old brother of the dead
child, taking an iron poker from the
chimney corner, heated one end red
hot among the blazing logs and turn-
ing to another child standing by,
told him to raise the baby's dress and
he (the child with the poker) would
make him jump. The little
negro did as he was bidden and the
five-year-old planted the red-hot iron
on a vital spot of the sleeping child,
fatally injuring it. The baby died
in great agony shortly afterward.

The family lives on one of the
Ewing farms in the Brazos bottom,
about eleven miles from Bryan, in
Burleson county.

I am fixed to plow
GARDENS, PLANT TREES
CLEAN UP YARDS, LEVEL
HOUSES, PRUNE TREES, RE-
PAIR FENCES, ETC.
Notify me by postoffice.
MATHEW PIERCE,
Bryan, Texas.

1909

May your ambitions be fulfilled.

Wishing you health to enjoy

every minute of the

New Year

Holidays 1908

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Bryan and Franklin, Texas.
Will practice in county, state and fed-
eral courts. Special attention to
business in Brazos and Rob-
inson counties.
FOR SALE.
Bryan, Texas. Franklin, Tex.

147 1/2 acres of land in the Moses
Hughes survey, near Edge. Price
and terms reasonable.
Half acre of land with improve-
ments, one block east of my home.
80 acres adjoining J. & M. Col-
lege land on west side, near Pro-
vidence church. Known as the George
Platzer place.
190 acres, including Double Sulphur
springs, on Navasota river.
V. B. HUDSON.
Your merchant handles fresh home
ground meal, ask for it.

We can sell them if priced right.
Send description to
WILSON & ERSKINE
Real Estate Agent.
Wellborn, Texas.

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Luscious, Dainty Confections
in our Christmas boxes, make
most acceptable gifts to all
kinds of folks.....

ESPECIALLY

to those to whom you can
think of nothing else to
give.

THE
SMITH DRUG CO.
J. A. McQUEEN, Manager.

To the Public

I HAVE THIS DAY OPENED A
RESTAURANT AND SHORT ORDER
HOUSE IN THE BUILDING FOR-
MERLY OCCUPIED BY TOM LEE
AND WILL BE GLAD TO SERVE
YOU. I WILL MAKE A SPECIAL
OF

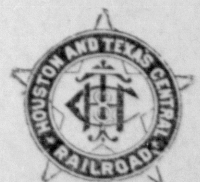
Raw Fish and
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for family use. Give me your orders.
EVERYTHING CLEAN AND UP-TO-
DATE.

Special Rates to Weekly Boarders

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The
H. & T. C. R. R.



Holiday Rates

All Points in Texas.

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On sale December 18, 19, 21, 22,
23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1.
Limit for Return—January 5.

See Local Ticket Agent for Particulars

ED HALL

Pure Food Distributor

We take the opportunity of again wishing our friends and patrons all the compliments of the season.

Your order for Groceries during the holiday season will be carefully taken care of.

A Merry Christmas

ED. HALL PHONE 22 & 114

SELLER OF "SPOTLESS FLOUR."

RAILROAD TIME CARD.

H. & T. C. Schedule.

No. 3 North bound.....1:38 p.m.
No. 5 North bound.....12:45 a.m.
No. 2 South bound.....3:40 p.m.
No. 6 South bound.....2:48 a.m.
I. & G. N. Schedule.
No. 14 North bound.....12:58 p.m.
No. 15 South bound.....4:11 p.m.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mr. N. A. Cotnam was in the city Monday.
Mr. J. W. Wiley was a visitor to the city Monday.
Mr. J. T. Newcomb of Reliance was here Monday.
Mr. Lee Burley was a visitor from Harvey Monday.
Mr. Chas. Jones of Harvey was in the city Monday.
Mrs. J. D. Ganter is visiting her parents in Galveston.
Mrs. M. Register has returned from a visit to Kurten.
Mr. B. L. Reed left Sunday for a business visit to Hearne.
Mrs. F. L. Webb has returned from a visit to Somerville.
Mr. J. W. Crenshaw of Reliance was in the city Monday.
Miss Virginia Watkins has returned from a visit to Houston.
Mr. J. R. Astin left Sunday for a business visit to Mumford.
Mrs. Tracy Watson has returned from a visit to Anderson.
FOR RENT—A nice modern residence, close in. Apply to D. Mike Jr.
Mr. James Dunn of Kurten was a visitor to the city Monday.
Mr. E. C. Smith of Reliance was in the city Monday morning.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

THURSDAY, DEC. 31.

Adelaide Thurston

In An American Comedy of Modern Life,
The Woman's Hour

By Frederick Paulding.

CAST OF SUPERIOR EXCELLENCE
COMPLETE SCENIC PRODUCTION
COMEDY OF WIT—MERIT—STRENGTH

Management FRANCIS X. HOPE.

Prices, \$1.00, \$1.50

For Sale—Horse and buggy. Apply Dr. W. H. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Conway returned Sunday from a visit to Mrs. Conway's mother at Franklin.

See the magician, every night at the Cozy this week.

Mr. R. L. Seale returned to his home at Lovelady Monday after a visit to relatives in Bryan.

Mr. Emmet Cole has returned to San Antonio, where he is engaged in electrical engineering.

Mr. Offie Tabor has returned to Galveston, after a holiday visit to his parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parker of Mart are visiting relatives and friends here and in the country.

Mrs. F. Curtis left Sunday for Ennis to join her husband, after a visit to relatives in this city.

Mr. Emmett Cole returned Sunday to San Antonio after a Christmas visit to relatives in this city.

Mrs. H. Rhode and Mrs. Carl Cole are visiting Mrs. Rhode's sister, Mrs. Reynolds, at Franklin.

FOR SALE—Until Jan. 1, 1909, I am offering two 5-room houses with hall for \$1,300. Just to meet my obligations. Good tenants in both. See W. A. Dodson.

Misses Amelia Miller and Kate and Bertha Eaves of Milligan are guests of Miss Bessie Robinson at Tabor.

Mrs. W. S. Wilson and Mr. Frank Gartner have returned from a visit to Mrs. Wilson's mother at Huntsville.

Mr. Ed Paté returned to his home in Buffalo, Leon county, Sunday, after a visit to Mr. A. W. Dyess at Harvey.

A large assortment of rockers, lounges and couches. In fact, a full and complete stock of the newest styles, and finish in furniture, all at reduced prices until Jan. 1. James & Nunn.

Prof. D. W. Spence, member of the faculty of the A. and M. College was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

Misses Berta Moss and Irene Brady returned to Hearne Sunday, after a visit to Miss Robbie Nichol of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Preston arrived Sunday from Sherman for a visit to Mrs. Preston's brother, Mr. Ralph Howell.

Senator C. M. Chambers and wife of San Antonio are in the city, guests of Mrs. Chambers' sister, Mrs. W. D. Cooper.

Mrs. M. E. Williams has returned to Lockhart, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ferguson, at Harvey.

Rev. C. B. Hollis of Kechi, La., arrived Sunday for a visit to his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Buchanan of this city.

Mrs. R. T. Morse returned to her home in Houston Sunday after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grice in this city.

Miss Josie Morris returned to her school at Lindale Monday after a Christmas visit to her parents, Rev. T. H. Morris and wife of this city.

Mrs. W. H. Brogdon, the guest over Christmas of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rudasill, at Cottonwood, returned to her home in Dallas Monday.

Dr. Charles H. Edge of Houston, the guest for the past few days of his brother, Mr. Eugene H. Edge of this city, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. B. Lorraine and daughter, Miss Lottie, returned Sunday to their home in Hempstead after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pamilton of this city.

Manager C. A. Lindsey of A. J. Wagner & Co. left Sunday for a business visit to Mexico, where his company is heavily interested in a mercantile way.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Tilson of Houston, the guests for the past few days of Mrs. Otto Boehm.

of Mrs. M. Parker of this city, left yesterday to visit Mr. Tilson's father at Texarkana.

Mr. James Hays, Quarles, press agent and librarian of the A. and M. College transacted business in Bryan yesterday and was a pleasant caller at the Eagle.

Everything bright and new in our big stock. Spring mattresses, iron beds, etc. All at reduced prices till Jan. 1. James and Nunn.

Miss Billie Gustavus, the Christmas guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Cole of this city, returned to Huntsville Sunday to resume her studies in Sam Houston Normal.

Mrs. J. R. Fain of Houston is the guest of her mother, Mrs. A. M. Ewing of Myers for the holidays. Both ladies were in the city Monday and honored The Eagle with a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holt of Waco are the guests of Mrs. Holt's brother, Postmaster J. Allen Myers. Mr. Myers and Mr. Holt left yesterday for Houston on a business trip.

Mr. Gus Street, Jr. returned Sunday to his home in Houston, after a holiday visit to Mrs. Street's mother, Mrs. Smith of this city. Mrs. Street will continue her visit for a time longer.

Mr. E. A. Heyeck, a visitor at the home of Major and Mrs. C. A. Adams for a few days during the Christmas tide, returned to his business interests in Houston Sunday. Mrs. Heyeck will remain a while longer.

Judge Reese, on the bench of the court of civil appeals at Galveston, passed through the city yesterday en route from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. D. W. Spence of the A. and M. College, with whom he spent part of the Christmas vacation.

Mr. J. Conway, for thirteen years a resident of Brazos county, loaded his household goods on a freight car Monday and will ship them to Haskell county, where he and his family will in future reside. A number of Mr. Conway's friends came in with him Monday to say goodbye.

Mr. D. J. Anderson, assistant general passenger agent of the Queen and Crescent route, left Sunday for his home in New Orleans, after a visit with his wife to Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mrs. W. E. Saunders, and other relatives here. Mrs. Anderson will continue her visit for a while longer.

THE WEATHER.

Special to Bryan Morning Eagle.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 28.—Tonight partly cloudy weather and colder. Tuesday, fair.—Cline.

NOTICE TAXPAYERS.

January is the last month in which taxes may be paid without penalty. For that reason, principally, and also to facilitate the work of this office, I would request that you pay your taxes as early as possible. Respectfully,
JNO. B. HINES,
City Secretary.

BENCHLEY BRIEFS.

Special Correspondence to The Bryan Morning Eagle.

A slight rain fell here Sunday. We had preaching here Sunday.

The seed house here caught fire Saturday night from a roman candle shot, but the bucket brigade got busy and soon put it out.

The H. & T. C. people are making preparations to build a new section house here. The foreman has been compelled to live in a box car, since the old one burned down.

Have a fine line of fresh home made fruit cakes and nice fancy cakes and candy.

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LITTLE LOCALS

Farmers in this section are beginning to break their land for the 1909 planting. In many sections hereabouts it is impossible to plow because the ground is too hard, no rain of any consequence having fallen for several weeks.

An enjoyable dinner was served Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sebastia to a few friends. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John M. Sebastia, Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Kosh and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marek. The occasion was one of enjoyment to all.

Mr. W. L. Spratt of Navasota was a visitor to the city Monday. Several years ago Mr. Spratt served Brazos county as deputy sheriff during the administration of the affairs of the sheriff's office by Mr. T. C. Nunn, now a member of the firm of James & Nunn, furniture dealers. Mr. Spratt will make his home in Brazos county again, and will follow agriculture at Allenfarm.

Miss Lily Wilson has been appointed librarian at the Carnegie Public Library here to succeed Miss Mattie Watkins, whose marriage to Prof. J. C. Burns, a member of the faculty of A. and M. College occurred in Houston a few days ago. Miss Wilson has heretofore served in the capacity of librarian. In fact, when the Carnegie Library was completed she was first to fill that important position.

The thanks of the Eagle are tendered Mr. Luther Tabor for an exceedingly handsome 1909 calendar. This calendar carries steel embossed representation of our national capital at Washington, reproduced from plate 8 1/2 x 13 inches in size, mounted on a heavy board 13 x 18 inches. We have never seen a finer piece of steel embossing and the greeting from the giver is heartily reciprocated.

A "Watch Night" meeting at the Methodist church is announced to occur at the First Methodist church of this city at 10:30 o'clock Thursday night. There is also announced a district meeting of stewards of the Huntsville district to be held in Conroe on January 1, at 10 o'clock a. m. This meeting is called by the presiding elder.

33 1/3 Per cent

Discount

On Our Entire Stock

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Mens' Suits

and

Over-Coats

Nothing Reserved

Parks &

Waldrop,

THE CLOTHIERS.

Two audiences that completely filled the Cozy were present last night at the initial performance of Foster and Lyman, the magicians. In addition to the specialties of the clever performers, very satisfactory films were shown. Tonight an entire change of program.

THE EAGLE

is prepared to execute orders for

Fancy Stationery and Calling Cards

promptly, in the latest style in either embossed or engraved. A box of this stationery or some engraved calling cards would make a useful and appreciated New Year present for the wife, daughter or sweetheart. No trouble to show samples or quote prices. Phone 36 and your wants will be promptly attended to.

THE AFTERMATH

NECK WEAR

Beautiful neckwear in a limited assortment of this line. Regular 50c quality, special while they last

39c

SUSPENDERS

We have about 3 dozen pairs of handsome suspenders put up in separate boxes, which also go on the bargain counter.

\$1.00 kind

79c

75c kind

59c

50c kind

39c

With Christmas Day passed and the festivities of the season drawing to a close, we are placing on sale at specially reduced prices all our holiday goods. These are staples and merchandise of value and you should profit by this sale. We have several lots of seasonable goods we wish to dispose of in order to lighten the burden of stock-taking. You will find bargains on our counters of real value, and the prices slaughtered almost in half on some goods. It will be to your benefit to call at our store and make your selection for specials in anything in Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, also Remnants in Dress Goods, Hosiery for both ladies and gentlemen, also neckwear and suspenders.

ON THE CORNER

EUGENE EDGE

ON THE CORNER

REMNANTS

There are several lots of short lengths in this section of the store, made from our staple goods department, the results of last week's busy shopping. These are in all colors and of different patterns, the lengths run from 1-1/2 yards up to 15 yards in a piece. These are to be marked in plain figures and placed on the Bargain tables for the wise shoppers.

MILLINERY

We have about 25 trimmed hats that go at one-half the regular price. See them.

Young Woman Found Dead.
Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 25.—Pearl Plumley, a young woman, was found dead near Oil Springs, in the Spavinaw mountains.

Shoots Three Persons.
Gibbsland, La., Dec. 25.—W. C. Brice shot and wounded Town Marshal Rogers, fatally shot John Moberly, an old and highly respected citizen, and seriously wounded a negro whose name is not known. Brice was taken to Shreveport.

Reduced Ten Cents.
New York, Dec. 25.—All grades of refined sugar have been reduced 10 cents per 100 pounds.

ACED LADY INTERCEDES.

One of Her "Boys" Crushes Skull of Mother With Ax.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Margaret Thomas, eighty-three years old, did not wish to see "her boys" quarrel. She interceded when they engaged in a fight and begged them to become friends on Christmas.

Then in a frenzy, one of them, Hendrick, fifty years old, turned upon his aged mother and with an ax beat her to the floor of their residence in Winnetka.

Mrs. Thomas' skull was crushed and she suffered other injuries from which the physicians say she cannot recover. Her assailant is to be held to the grand jury.

Due to Misunderstanding.
Shreveport, Dec. 28.—J. V. Blanton, a conductor on the Kansas City Southern railway, while in charge of a south-bound passenger train, was killed at Dequincy, La. Brakeman J. Hoytt was arrested. The shooting was the result of a misunderstanding regarding the running of the train. The affair caused great excitement among the passengers.

Accidentally Shoots Comrade.
Dallas, Dec. 28.—A 32-caliber revolver in the hands of Sinclair Scott, twelve years of age, was accidentally discharged Monday afternoon in the photographic establishment of the boy's father, on Elm street. The bullet penetrated the head of Emerson Dew, ten years old, a comrade of young Scott, causing the brains to ooze and inflicting a probably fatal wound.

Taft Writes Dallas Organization.
Dallas, Dec. 28.—Chamber of commerce has received a personal letter from President Elect Taft stating he will visit Dallas and other Texas cities after the adjournment of the special session of the next congress following inauguration.

First Defeat For Americans.
Manila, Dec. 28.—The All-American Baseball club, which is making a tour of the orient, was defeated Sunday by Lieutenant Johnson's picked army team by a score of 4 to 3. This is the only defeat of the All-Americans during their tour.

Large Stealage Alleged.
Nacogdoches, Tex., Dec. 28.—Sheriff Spradley arrested Arthur Berry and Fred Kimbrell, negroes, on advices from Muskogee. Berry is alleged to have stolen \$18,000 at that city. Small amount was recovered.

TEED NEARLY LYNCHED.

There Were Men and Women Angels in His Colony at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Cyrus R. Teed, "Koresch I," self-styled "Messiah," of the notorious "Sunset Flat Heaven" in Normal Park in 1902, who died Thursday in the midst of his colony on the extreme south Florida coast, his followers believe is immortal, and awaited his resurrection all day of Christmas day.

The body of the dead leader, who narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of Chicago men who had uncovered his methods of conducting "heaven" lies unattended, while Victoria Grada, his wife, has assumed the throne with mediaeval solemnity, and has issued an edict that the body shall not be buried until there has been a manifestation of Divine will.

The colony which "Master" Teed originated had its foundation in California, whither it drifted after he had become more or less saturated with the methods of Schweinfurth of Rockford fame. His recruits came so easily on the Pacific coast that within the first year he had broadened his operations by tracts and publications, to localities scattered all over the country, and in the spring of 1892 the Teed heaven became one of the notorious spots in Chicago.

Believers flocked in from all sections of the country. There were men and women angels, all of whom lived together. Current report had it that one batch of twenty-five young women angels from California arrived one morning and the rites and services which marked their advent to the "heaven" consumed three days.

SIDE BY SIDE.

Men Who Was to Have Been Brothers-in-Law Corpses.

Rush Springs, Okla., Dec. 25.—In the morgue two men who were to have been brothers-in-law lie side by side, the result of two tragedies.

Lee Lincoln, while cleaning his gun preparing for a hunt, was accidentally shot. He died on a train en route to Fort Worth, where he was being taken for treatment. He had secured his marriage license to marry on the day his death occurred. His body was brought back home and his fiancée and her sister, Mrs. Henry Trapp, spent the night at the Lincoln home.

When they returned they were shocked to find the body of Henry Trapp in the parlor with his head almost shot away and by his side an empty shotgun. No cause can be assigned for the last tragedy.

Why Not a Postage Stamp?

Washington, Dec. 25.—If one can drop a coin in a vending machine and receive a piece of chewing gum or a handful of peanuts, why not a postage stamp? That is just what the postoffice department wants to make a popular feature of its service, and in an order just issued announcement is made that the department is prepared to issue limited amounts of stamps in rolls of 500 to 1,000 stamps for use in stamp vending and stamp affixing machines. Postmasters desiring to try the new proposition are requested to make their requisition to the department.

Boy Drowns in Vinegar.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Caetano Cocconello, two years old, fell into a barrel of pickled peppers and drowned in the vinegar.

Damianos Dethroned.

Jerusalem, Dec. 28.—The Greek synod has dethroned Damianos, the Greek patriarch of the Jerusalem, who declined to resign.

Partly Due to Overloans.

Napoleon, O., Dec. 16.—The Citizens' State bank assigned to D. D. Donovan. The failure is said to have been caused by overloans, and it is further claimed it was brought about by the Ohio German Insurance company's failure.

SPRECKELS EXPIRES.

Millionaire Sugar Manufacturer Breathes His Last.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Claus Spreckels, the famous sugar millionaire died from the effects of an attack of pneumonia early Saturday.

Mr. Spreckels recently returned from New York. On his arrival at home he was suffering from the effects of a cold, which developed into pneumonia. He was not thought to be seriously ill, but his son, Rudolph Spreckels, prominently identified with the graft prosecution at this city, who in Honolulu, was notified of his father's health and hastened home, arriving Friday on the steamer Nippon. The other children are John D. Spreckels, proprietor of the Morning Call, president of the Oceanic Steamship company and prominently identified with many business interests, C. A. Spreckels and Mrs. Emma Watson.

NEGRO DOCTOR JAILED.

Wife Dead and Charge of Suspicion Docketed Against Him.

Dallas, Dec. 28.—W. M. Hames, a negro physician, was jailed with a charge of suspicion docketed against him as the result of the death of his wife, with whom, it is alleged, he has not lived for some time. The woman was found dead at the family residence, 129 Cliff street, Oak Cliff.

Hames says he was awakened at 2 o'clock Saturday morning by some person, who brought the woman to the house, put her in the front porch and left. He admitted her, he says, to the house, where they convensed some time, holding which she died.

Detectives are investigating the case. It is learned from another source that Hames stated that the woman, when left on the front porch, was in a very weak condition. After he brought her into the house she asked for a drink of water. She was supplied with it, but was unable to swallow any. At 4 o'clock her condition was not improving and he called some neighbors, soon after which the woman died.

It is said that he received a telephone message sometime Friday informing him that his wife would be at home at 1 o'clock, but it was not stated whether 1 a. m. or 1 p. m.

For the last four months the woman has been living at 113 Hall street with her sisters, Ethel Bradley and Birdie Childress. By them it was stated that she left the house at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening in apparent good health and excellent spirits, saying that she was going to an entertainment somewhere in town—where, she did not state.

ROBERT C. DAVEY DIES.

Louisiana Congressman Passes Away After Being Ill Several Months.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—After an illness of several months Hon. Robert C. Davey, a member of congress, died at this city. His death was due to a complication of diseases. He represented the Second district.

Robert Charles Davey was born at New Orleans Oct. 22, 1853, served three terms in the state senate, being president pro tem during sessions of 1884 and 1886; twice judge of the First recorder's court; elected to the Fifty-third congress on the Democratic ticket, declined renomination for the Fifty-fourth; elected to the Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth and Sixty-first congresses.

Poor Assigns.

New York, Dec. 28.—Henry W. Poor, trading as H. W. Poor & Co., at 33 Wall street, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Poor is a member of the banking house of H. W. Poor & Co., of this city and Boston.

Well Known in Southwest.

New York, Dec. 28.—Henry W. Poor, who has made an assignment, for many years has been a prominent figure in financial and social circles of this city and Boston. Mr. Poor had extensive interests outside his banking and brokerage business. He was president of the company which published Poor's Railroad Manual, a director of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad and president of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company of Texas. He is a native of Bangor, Me., and is sixty-four years of age.

Santa Claus Has Mishap.

San Antonio, Dec. 28.—While acting as Santa Claus at the residence here of his brother, Richard Madison, Joseph Madison, a Dallas insurance man, was severely burned about the head, face, neck and arms. A lighted candle ignited his furry sleeve and beard.

Unique Presents.

Atlanta, Dec. 25.—Governor Hoke Smith has received a unique present in the shape of a watch charm which came to him from forty convicts working in the coal mines of Walker county. The note which accompanied the gift stated that it was an expression of thanks to the governor for his successful efforts to abolish the convict lease system and the adoption of prison reforms under his administration.

A similar token was sent by the convicts to State Senator T. S. Felder of Maco, who was chairman of the legislative committee which investigated the convict lease system.

Intended as Warning.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—That \$60,000 in forged bills receivable has been recently "planted with the banks of Chicago" is a warning issued to bankers, trust companies and note brokers.

The method by which the swindle is operated is said to include the issuance of duplicate bills receivable. These are disposed of to note brokers at the usual discount. The brokers, in turn, discount the paper with their respective banks.

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